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### Impressions of a Twelve Hundred Mile "Mush" Across Frozen Alaska

Extracts from a Daily Journal Kept

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#### FOURTH DAY, CONTINUED.

Captain wanted to go to Moses' that night, because an Indian boy of his acquaintance lives there. He and his wife at Nome had raised this boy and educated him, until he left there several years ago. He was pretty sure of good treatment there. They certainly gave us as good treatment as they could, considering their conditions. It may be that I am fastidious, or it may be that I was new to the aroma of an Alaskan Indian igloo or house, but up to this point in my career, I had never entered a place where human beings lived, not excepting the worst Navajo "hogans" with such a vile smell as Moses' house. The house was filthy; Moses, his wife, sister-in-law, and everybody else, including the children

are all in rags and they were all filthy. They gave us coffee and reindeer steak. The meat was first-class. When it came to going to bed, as every human being, men, women and all had to go to bed in the same room, I was a little bit nervous about the proprieties and about the ventilation. I proposed to take that we go outside in the sled shed and put our robes on the ground and sleep there. He whispered back in a Scotch brogue, "I never yer object, but it's vera could an I think we better try this," so I acquiesced. I had a package with half a dozen cakes of gum camphor in my kit. It stood me in good hand this night and through this entire trip. Scottie Allen, a genial Scotchman, who runs a hardware

store at Nome, and who is the hero of several of the great sweepstake dog races there, and the only rival as a musher in Captain Pete's class in the Arctic, put me wise to gum camphor on the trail. The gum may often preserve your life. You can shave a piece of it off with your knife an inch or so long, about the size of a pencil, or you can take a piece of it about the size of a pea, and if you have but one match, it will take fire as easily as kerosene, and you can stick this piece on the end of a toothpick before you light it, and light your cigar with it, and it will not become extinguished in the strongest wind. You can light half a cake, and if you have any kindling at all, you are sure of a hot, quick fire, under almost any circumstances, however strong the wind, or however low the temperature, for it will burn for ten or fifteen minutes with the heat of a furnace. I stood the smell of the house all night, but in spite of all I could do, arose with a headache, and with the firm conviction, that for fifty small, Moses' place was surely the limit. I changed my mind later, as this diary will show.

#### Fifth Day, January 21.—Moses' Point to Isaac's Point.

We made but a short trip this day, owing to the distance of the second road house ahead. We knew this and did not leave Moses' until nearly 9 o'clock in the morning. We went six miles along the sandspit and a beach, and then eight miles across an arm of Norton bay to Isaac's Point, or "Julius' Place." The trail was splendidly staked, and the going was first-class. The temperature, save in the morning when it was about fifteen below, was warm, ranging from five to fifteen above. Julius is situated under a mountain perpendicular bluff that juts south-west into the Norton bay from the main land. Julius is a genial German; he said there was no use in telling me his other name, because nobody ever remembered it, and that it was unpronounceable anyway, that everybody knew him as Julius. He was a small man, a mechanic and a good one, besides being a good cook. He was about fifty years of age and a bachelor. He had been here for ten years. He has a fine place. Everything is built out of logs, which he gathered as driftwood. He has two or three houses forming his road house and dog kennels, and an extra house or two, in which some visiting prospectors, who are waiting to hear the news from the new strike at Kobuk, at the head of the bay, were living. Everything Julius has is handmade and he has hardly used a nail in the construction. Everything is wood and wooden pegs. He had a fine supply of food and while we lost half a day there, we enjoyed ourselves. One of the men camping in the next cabin was a Spaniard from Cuba and when he ascertained I could speak his language, he froze to me and Spanish was the vogue between us the entire day and evening. A piece of the cliff dropped down last spring and pushed one of Julius' log houses into the sea, but he went after it, and brought it back, log by log, and re-erected it. He crawled up the mountain and sounded the cliff with a hammer and doesn't think any more of it will come down.

One of the worst features connected with a good many of the road houses, such as Moses', Kallag, Nalate and other places, but Julius' place is not subject to that objection, is the lack of sanitary conveniences.

#### Sixth Day, January 22.—Isaac's Point to Bonanza.

We started, or at least I did, about 7 a. m. I ran ahead of the team, store at Nome, and who is the hero of several of the great sweepstake dog races there, and the only rival as a musher in Captain Pete's class in the Arctic, put me wise to gum camphor on the trail. The gum may often preserve your life. You can shave a piece of it off with your knife an inch or so long, about the size of a pencil, or you can take a piece of it about the size of a pea, and if you have but one match, it will take fire as easily as kerosene, and you can stick this piece on the end of a toothpick before you light it, and light your cigar with it, and it will not become extinguished in the strongest wind. You can light half a cake, and if you have any kindling at all, you are sure of a hot, quick fire, under almost any circumstances, however strong the wind, or however low the temperature, for it will burn for ten or fifteen minutes with the heat of a furnace. I stood the smell of the house all night, but in spite of all I could do, arose with a headache, and with the firm conviction, that for fifty small, Moses' place was surely the limit. I changed my mind later, as this diary will show.

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telling the captain I wanted some exercise, I went at Isaac's six miles before he caught me. In the morning the temperature was about ten below, and it ranged from that to about twelve above all day. The trails were positively splendid, and after the team caught me, all of us, Huron on his sled, and the captain and myself on ours, rode all day, because the trails were so good, and the dogs went so fast that we could not keep up running behind. Late in the afternoon I gave-handled the sled for several miles. The trip we made was twenty-five miles in a straight line, but we had to go about thirty-three miles or more, because we struck some open water about a few miles from Julius' and had to go around it from the north-east. The bay is not frozen straight across from Julius' nor south of that this winter. It is my opinion, from what I got of it from the mountain tops later on, that Norton Sound and the Bering Sea does not freeze over in the winter to any extent, much statement to the contrary notwithstanding. I do not believe it ever freezes clear across from St. Michael's to Nome, and it is my belief that Bering Sea, save for large sections of floating ice here and there, is open every winter south to the Pribiloff Islands and Unimak Pass, and that it only freezes out to just beyond the horizon from Nome.

From information I received at Nome since I have lived there, all the wonder I had in childhood as to how the Eskimos got from North America to Siberia has faded away. Probably twice in ten years, Bering Strait, between Siberia and Alaska, freezes completely over, as it did last winter, for instance, 1910-1911, and the natives pass to and fro without restriction over the fifty miles of ice. But even without that, the natives cross in the summer in their skin boats every year. I saw a native and his family start from Nome and start west for Siberia, at a point where he would be forced to cross three hundred miles of sea, in one of these boats. We arrived at the Bonanza road house city in the afternoon and had to stay over night owing to the distance of the next place. The road house is kept by a Swede, who also runs a store in connection with it. He is married to a handsome, educated woman. She attended to the household, which had many rooms and was little in evidence. She had a baby, not more than six months old, which she packed around on her back, although she was fit and young herself, and stood as straight as a soldier, for she was tall. She wore a semi-civilized dress and moccasins, but carried her child in the usual pack in her parka. I bought parka from some natives here, and donated them to the dogs at my own expense. The dogs had been smelling them all along the line, but did not get a taste of them, until I bought them a bird's piece. The captain had a quantity of seal blubber here, which he purchased from the natives, and also fed some of that to them, so the dogs had a feast, and the kennels were strewn with feathers. Swanson, the road-house man, is a morose sort of a fellow, and does not appear to be doing much of a business. Huron left us at this point to go four or five miles up in the hills to his partners. I was sorry to lose him, for he was a jolly, genial fellow. I gave him a lot of dining advice from day to day while we were together, and he promised, if any new strikes were found, to locate myself and some of my Washington friends into pieces of ground, wherever it could be done, without interfering with any other person's title. During the day, we encountered flocks of ptarmigan miles from the shore crossing the bay.

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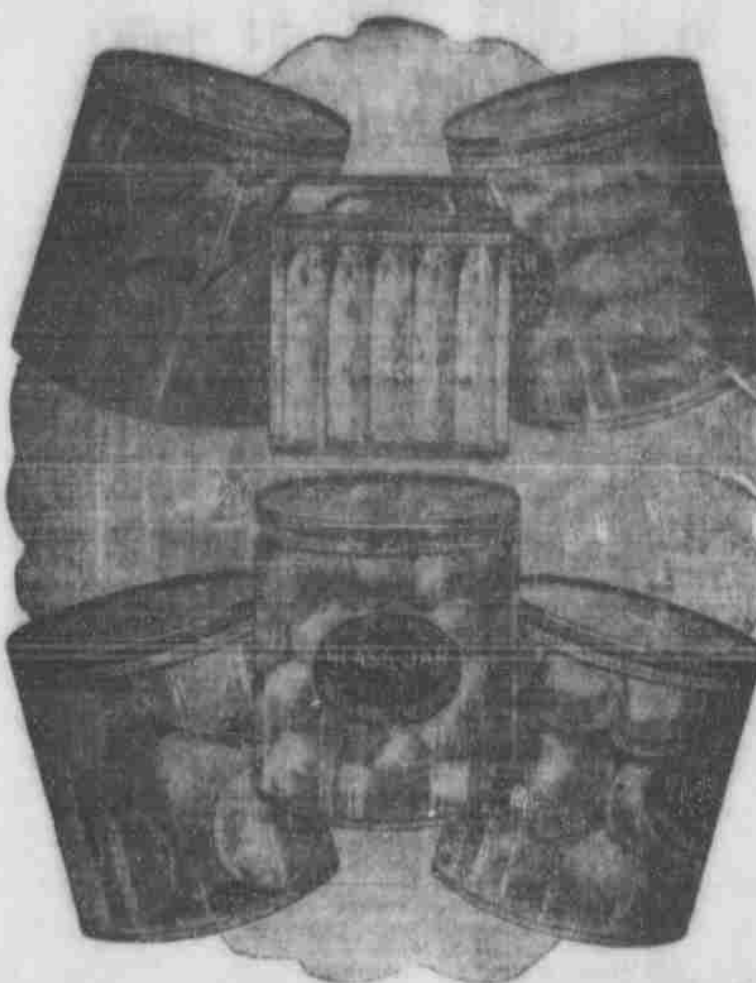
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### Farming THOUSAND ACRES OF SUGAR BEETS AT MAXWELL

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### BURGLARS BUSY AT LAS CRUCES

Maxwell, N. M., Jan. 21.—A tribe over 1,000 acres of sugar beets have been pledged by local farmers for next year, sugar-beet growing having been demonstrated to be an absolute success in this district. It is believed a total of 1200 acres will be planted next season.

At a recent largely attended meeting of the beet growers, the chairman appointed a committee consisting of John Nolan, S. R. Garrison and Willis Jones, to issue an invitation to the officials of the Garden City sugar factory to meet the farmers of the Maxwell tract, and discuss contracts for 1914, or longer. The committee was instructed to get in touch with the factory as early as possible, and to arrange for a meeting at once, if they could. The call for the meeting will be issued through the Mail.

The farmers on the tract are willing, even anxious to grow beets, if they can get a fair contract, and a railroad spur into the tract, so they will not have to make such long hauls to the dump. They are hoping for an early meeting with the factory people, so they will know what they are going to do.

### MAXWELL LOOKS FOR RECORD WHEAT YIELD

Fully 60,000 bushels of wheat will be harvested here this fall if nothing but an average yield is returned. With the prospects as flattering as they are now the chances are that this estimate will be greatly exceeded.

The basis of this estimate is two thousand acres at the low average of 30 bushels to the acre. Maxwell district has frequently produced as high as 60 bushels to the acre so the 30 bushels estimate is certainly conservative. Much of the wheat is on the ground that was formerly in beets and alfalfa, so the yield from this land would be heavier than from old wheat land.

### PROSPECTS GOOD FOR COLFAX COUNTY FARMERS

Springer, N. M., Jan. 21.—While the heavy snow has been very injurious to the livestock industry in this part of New Mexico the farmer has reason to rejoice. He will find the ground in splendid shape to commence farming in the spring as the moisture from the snow has soaked into the ground. It has generally been the case where our winters have furnished abundance of snow that the following season has been a splendid one for the farmer. And again there is lots of snow in the mountains which will furnish abundance of water for reservoirs and rivers, giving plenty of water for irrigation especially dur-

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ing the first half of the season.

### BURGLARS BUSY IN TOWN OF LAS CRUCES

Las Cruces, N. M., Jan. 22.—An unsuccessful attempt was made to enter the home of Mrs. Margaret Summerford last week, the would-be burglars being frightened away by the dogs as soon as they came upon the porch. It was about midnight and the family had retired. Mrs. Summerford, who was awakened by the dogs, looked out and saw three men just leaving the yard. An automobile stood in front of her house and she thinks the men entered it and left.

During the absence of the family last Friday night the home of L. W. Parker on the Paseo was entered and several articles of silverware, a large butcher knife and foodstuffs taken. Entrance was made by cutting a hole in the screen and unhooking it, then raising the window.

A screen on one of the parlor windows at the home of George Fronger was pulled loose and an attempt made to raise the window, but it was securely fastened, and the would-be burglar was apparently frightened away, as he did not attempt to get in the house by any other method. The torn screen and trampled grass beneath the window was the only result for his trouble and the family were unaware of this until the next day when it was discovered by the cook. The home of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Brewer was entered while the family were at church and articles of food taken. Some money was also taken from a purse which had been left in one of the rooms. Entrance was gained as in nearly every other instance by the screen being cut and the window raised.

### DIXIE QUINTETTE AT ELKS' THEATRE SATURDAY, JAN. 31

The Dixie Quintette, under the auspices of the Redpath-Slayton Lyceum bureau, will appear at the Elks theatre on Saturday night, January 31, the curtain rising promptly at 9:30. Admission is fifty cents, the attraction being brought here by the Albuquerque Woman's club. The price of regular lecture course tickets has been reduced from \$1.50 to \$1.25. The personnel of the Dixie Quintette is as follows:

Edward Goodbar, first tenor; Edward Williams, second tenor and baritone; Louis Johnson, baritone and reader; John Turner, basso; Joseph Gray, pianist. Four of the men who compose this company were leading artists at the Dixie chorus—the notable colored organization which has been under Redpath management for two years past, appearing in the "Epic of the Negro" on large courses throughout the country. The attraction is one of the finest musical aggregations ever brought here.

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